

## BABY LEOPARD'S TEETH OUT

GRIEF AND GASOLINE MOVE  
CORONER HARBURGER.Matchless Dentistry of Dr. Billy Snyder  
Saves Little Alice, but Snatches From  
Julius a Whole Firmament of Spots  
—True Relation of a Honorable Feat.

Far be it from any one to be able to assert truthfully that Coroner Julius Harburger is a heartless man, but even Coroner Harburger, coming superbly from the spot where one body lies to the spot where another one lies and so on to spot after spot—even Julius would have to admit that he felt just a shade of annoyance yesterday when he learned that little nine-month-old Alice Roosevelt had recovered from her recent operation. Miss Roosevelt was operated on in the zoo by Head Keeper Billy Snyder of the Central Park menagerie, because even a baby leopard can have a surplus of equipment when all around her delightful little pink gums two rows of teeth are growing when but one row grew before. Coroner Harburger was running over a pile of murders on his desk one day about two weeks ago, just after he had returned from a spot up town where he had had a fresh murder during the forenoon, when he first learned from Francis, his secretary, about the alarming illness of the child leopard, Alice Roosevelt, a twin sister to young Nicholas Longworth, who is a leopard. Mr. Harburger was explaining the art of coroner to some reporters between murders at the time.

"As I have often said," the Coroner was remarking, "from morning until night I must go from one spot where there is a murder or a suicide to other spots, because not until the Coroner reaches the spot can the murder or suicide be declared legal. The official is old and honorable one, is it not, Francis?"

"It is extremely old, sir," agreed Francis, who was busily tying up manila folders with pink ribbon and suicides with sombre blue ribbon to keep them distinct. "Furthermore, I may add," Francis continued shyly, "any old office is honorable, sir." And then Francis, who knows full well the keen enjoyment Coroner Harburger gets from hurrying from spot to spot in the service of the people, told his chief about the little child leopard up in the Central Park zoo that was dying spot by spot.

From that very minute time took on a new zest to Coroner Harburger. Day by day as he coronated about the city in his dull black gasoline menace he would always arrange his manila folder or his suicide patrol so that it would bring him in touch with Billy Snyder and information about the suffering little Alice. Long and long he and Billy Snyder would stand in front of the baby Alice's cage, and they would make surmises about the nature of her illness and ante-mortem guesses.

And when the Coroner would grow very, very sad indeed, then would Billy Snyder turn his patient over gently so that Julius might look at the spots on the other side, too. And Billy Snyder would comfort the Coroner with assurance that Alice's markings would not fade with death, but that when Mr. Harburger was called in to declare Alice officially dead he would still find her a nest little dead of spots. Whereupon Coroner Harburger would return to his seat in the tone of his manna and come away in a better mood.

Nobody seemed to know what was the matter with the declining Alice, not even Billy Snyder, who knows everything about animals. But one day this week Billy got a hunch. He was studying little Alice and wondering sorrowfully why everything that Alice ate seemed to go to her stomach without showing any for value received results. Further on in the lion house keeper Jim Coyle was reading aloud from a cook book while preparing the afternoon meal of Calph, the hippopotamus.

"One bushel of sugar, heaping," Jim droned on in a sing-song voice, "barrel of half of apples, three of raisins, chopped fine, two of the chaffing tin, lamp and bring to a simmer. Ah, there's Coroner Harburger once again, the soon shovels salt, three castles of brown sugar, Coroner. Now slice and toast eight bales of hay and—"

"Jim! Jim! Julius! Everybody!" yelled Billy Snyder with a sudden start. "Quick! Baby's got a second row of teeth!"

It was only too true, for while Jim Coyle had been droning away from the cook book Calph had been chewing the other side of her enu and the yawn spread all down the line of Alice's little Alice's cage, and the baby's timid yawn had disclosed a Miss Murphy, the keeper, had taken up the yawn where Calph, the hip, had partly left off. Then Dick and Kitty, the leopard pupa and mamma respectively, Alice and Nicholas, took a complete yawn and passed them on to Nicholas Longworth, who inspired Alice to yawn in a wick way. And as little Alice opened up Billy Snyder saw all.

Despite the fact that Alice has grown a group of second teeth one glance into her mouth under the light of a flashlight showed that back of the new teeth she still retained her old row of baby or skim milk teeth. If you doubt it you may go up there any time and open the cage and look at the new teeth. The place where Billy Snyder pulled big clusters of overflow eyeteeth and things that the song writer must have had in mind when he wrote the sentimental ballad that runs:

A-a-a-always in the way,  
A-a-a-always in the way,  
My dear little Alice,  
Is always in the way-a-way.

Coroner Harburger may not exactly have tried to dislodge Billy Snyder, but he then and there decided that Alice would never grow to be a great big girl unless the excess teeth were removed, but the Coroner at least didn't lend any moral support to Billy's suggestion that the teeth come out. Mr. Harburger, when he saw that Billy Snyder was going to cure Alice's little tummy by dentistry, merely muttered that as he had to coron over to a couple of spots near the East River that Francis had marked down as spots where he would be moving along in his menage. So he walked away a bit dejectedly from the spot where he was standing and tussled.

When Billy decided that the teeth would have to come out he and Keeper Jim Coyle went into secret session a committee of the ways and means. Jim Coyle said he'd be one of any two or three men to hunt up a good dentist in Sixth avenue, and that when one was located he would write a letter to Billy Snyder and the Arsenal reserves to bring the leopard to the dentist's office. This didn't sound practical to Billy Snyder, who remarked that if the leopard were to be better to leave a tooth with a stout cord each time Alice yawned and then persuade Alice to jump hurriedly toward the rear of the cage.

The plan finally decided upon and which, after being carried out to the letter, left little Alice in first class showing shape yesterday was to walk right into the cage and pull the teeth with a monkey wrench. The first time Billy and Jim tried this they walked right in and turned the monkey wrench, but a second attempt was more fruitful. This time the strangulation bag was wrapped and twined and twisted and braided and bound and securely swathed around the gentle child leopard's features at the first throw.

removed from her face they got a small safe from Billy's office and placed it slowly and carefully upon her leaving chest. Jim Coyle and Bob Hurton, the assistant oral surgeons, saw away some of the bag around Alice's mouth and at the proper moment Billy Snyder placed the trunk of an oak tree far back in her jaws. Jim and Bob sat on either side of the leopard and tree trunk to make it stay put, and Billy picked up the monkey wrench and a pair of ice tongs. All that was needed was a couple of copies of last February's *Ladies' Home Journal*, a rubber plant and a bowl of gold fish in the outer cage to give the place all the earmarks of a first class dental works.

As Billy Snyder had absolutely no fear of the leopard he went about his task of selecting teeth with calm deliberation. From tooth to tooth he wandered, accepting some and rejecting others, but when he would strike a particularly congested district the teeth rattled to the floor of the cage as he hit the window. All around the lower horseshoe Billy worked and was starting around the upper grand tier when a high light like a sedition powder and faded.

There was quick skimming then, while Bob and Billy and Jim cut through inch ropes, unweaved chains, lifted the safe and boulders and otherwise dug down to where Alice was so that she might get air. She was all in, Alice was. But Billy Snyder knew what to do. He was a dentist and he blew her up, and then he and Bob and Billy and Jim would stand on her to force the air out, and then they'd blow her up and press her out and blow her up and press her out and so kept up artificial respiration until she got the habit.

And just before she came to Billy and Bob and Jim stood out the cage and looked it and took the key down to the swanboat lake and threw it far out into the water.

She's eating delicacies now—squab on toast and pâté de foie gras and small shower bouquets of tripe. But all her old winsome affection for her kinsmen seems to have flown. She's morose all the time, but when Billy or Bob or Jim positively have to pass her cage she simply acts like a spoiled child.

That's why Billy Snyder hasn't gone into the cage since to get his little burglar proof safe which, after serving as a sedative, was left in the cage with Billy Snyder. Alice Roosevelt when Billy came away from there as she was coming to. Billy says he's going to stay away from Alice as long as she continues her grouchy because, he says, if he avoids her she'll get jealous in time and finally begin to pine for him in the old way rather than pine for him in the new way. But the avoidance really hurts Billy more than it does the child leopard. The safe is filled with fine cut tobacco the Billy says get, except at a Spanish shop away down in White street.

As for Coroner Harburger, whose love of spots amounts to a passion, he is a sadly disappointed man. Never again perhaps will he come so near to an opportunity of being called officially to a spot that might have been so richly rewarded in spots. "Am I not a disappointed man, Francis?" the Coroner asked his secretary yesterday, as he fanned himself with a stack of murders in the second degree.

"Absolutely heartbroken, sir," replied Francis. And he rested his head on the justifiable homicide desk and wept.

## WOMAN TO BE GUILLOTINED.

Man Escapes With Life Sentence for His Share in Ghastly Crime at Monte Carlo.

Special Cable Despatches to the Sun.  
MONTE CARLO, Dec. 4.—A verdict of guilty was rendered today in the trial for murder of Vera St. Leger Gould and her wife, Violet, who killed a woman named Emma Levin last August, out her body up and shipped it, packed in a trunk, to Marseilles. Mrs. Gould was sentenced to death by the guillotine, Gould to penal servitude for life.

The trial took place in the Superior Court of the municipality of Monaco. Today the advocate made a speech in which he described the migratory life of the Goulds, whom he classed as wandering bandits. He declared that Mrs. Gould in early life created a scandal in her native village in France. He argued that premeditation had been clearly proved, that the murder could not have been carried out single handed, that there were no extenuating circumstances, that the company of the prisoners should be condemned to death. The Goulds are accused of luring to their villa at Monte Carlo Emma Levin, who was possessed of a large amount of valuable jewelry, and murdering her. Her body, packed in a box, was found in the railway station at Marseilles in the baggage of the Goulds. Gould admitted the murder, but tried to excuse his wife. They were in desperate pecuniary circumstances at the time. The dead woman's jewelry was found in their possession.

The Advocate-General commented on the cynical life of Mrs. Gould, who had laughed and joked with the commissioner when he came to remove from her house the trunk in which the body of the murdered woman had been packed. He said the prisoners had shown no revulsion of feeling at the time of the tragedy and no remorse since.

Chatting with her counsel this morning Mrs. Gould said she was content of acquittal and that she would go to America and set up in business there as a milliner. She maintains that her husband is mad.

## FLORIE SULLIVAN IS BACK.

He's Said to Be Recovering—Hot Springs for the Winter.

Florie Sullivan, who was thought to be hopelessly insane when taken to the River Crest Sanitarium on September 1, is now said to be on the road to rapid recovery. Sullivan is staying at the home of his mother, Mrs. Charles T. Perry, at 178 East Seventy-eighth street. With his brother, Senator Christopher D. Sullivan, and his sister, Mrs. E. Levine, he left Tammany Hall yesterday and afterward attended a vaudeville show.

With the same two persons he will go to Atlantic City to-morrow, and if well enough will return to New York about Christmas time, when a reception will be given him by his friends. He will spend the remainder of the winter at Hot Springs.

## The Weather.

Depressions were moving northeastward along the Atlantic coast yesterday and snow fell at most points in the upper part of the Atlantic coast to the middle Atlantic and New England coasts.

A low pressure area, moving in over the north Pacific States, attended by rain along the coast.

The principal high pressure area was central over the middle Mississippi Valley and Lake regions and extended from the Mountains to the Atlantic coast. The weather was generally fair from the Mississippi River west to the Pacific States.

It was warmer in southern New York and along the New England coast and colder in northern New York, the interior of New England, the upper Lake regions, the central valleys and the east coast States.

The lowest temperature reported was eight degrees below zero at Canton, N. Y.

In this city snow fell until early afternoon; cloudy, clear, with a cold northeast wind, 90 per cent. barometer, corrected to sea level, at N. Y., M., 30.19; 3 P. M., 30.18.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

1907. 1908. 1909. 1910. 1911.  
9 A. M. .... 21° 11° 8° 5° 22°  
12 M. .... 21° 11° 8° 5° 22°  
3 P. M. .... 31° 21° 12° 9° 24°

Highest temperature, 31° at 3 P. M.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Forecast for to-morrow: For eastern New York, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, fair to-day; fair and not so cold to-morrow; diminishing northerly winds.

For New England, fair to-day, preceded by snow and somewhat colder in southern portion; fair to-morrow; brisk northerly winds.

## FRANK GOODWIN MUST GET OUT

COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN SENDS  
BOWSTRING TO MURPHY MAN.Reason Given Is Incompetency—Whether  
He Will Resign or Be Removed Will Be  
Settled Today—Mr. P. Loughman for His  
Place—Examining Plumbers Removed.

Unless Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Goodwin of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity resigns by to-morrow he will be removed by Commissioner John H. O'Brien. Mr. Goodwin's resignation was asked for at the beginning of the week, and although Mr. Goodwin promised that it would be forthcoming yesterday he did not go to his office during the day, and when Commissioner O'Brien left his office last evening he was in doubt as to whether or not it would be necessary for him to remove his deputy. It can be stated, however, that Mr. Goodwin's successor will be appointed to-morrow.

The new deputy will be M. F. Loughman, the secretary to the Park Board. An secretary to this board Mr. Loughman received \$4,900 a year. The salary of his new place will be \$5,000.

Commissioner O'Brien was not willing to talk yesterday about the reasons which have led to the retirement of Mr. Goodwin, but the official explanation is that Mr. Goodwin was incompetent. It was stated yesterday that Mr. Goodwin had shown this incompetency when at the budget hearings he had shown so little knowledge of the affairs of his department that he was unable to remember the names of some of the engineers of his office.

At Tammany Hall yesterday afternoon it was declared that Mr. Goodwin was to be forced out because he had refused to give up his allegiance to Charles F. Murphy. Goodwin is the Tammany leader of the Seventh Assembly district, in which Thomas F. Smith, secretary of Tammany Hall, lives, and it was stated at the Fourth street headquarters that Goodwin had had put to him the problem of giving up his close association with Murphy or his job, and that he had chosen the last named alternative.

Goodwin was at Tammany Hall yesterday afternoon and a long talk was had with Mr. Murphy. Goodwin asked for advice as to whether he should resign or compel the administration to remove. Mr. Murphy told him that he was an incompetent, but later in the afternoon Goodwin saw Little Tim Sullivan and two other friends at the Astor House, and their advice to him was to stick to it. That Commissioner O'Brien would be forced to remove him. The idea which prompted this counsel was that if Commissioner O'Brien removed Goodwin he would, in the usual order of things, have to give some reasons for his action.

Mr. Goodwin had not made up his mind last night just what course he would follow, but one of his friends said last night that Goodwin would resign. "No good would be gained," said this informant, "by refusing to resign and making O'Brien remove him. Frank is the last of the Murphy men in office, and the fact that he is to go now only shows that McCellan means to keep up his feud against Murphy. We are not so much surprised at the turning down of Frank as that he should have been allowed to hold on so long."

After Goodwin saw Charles F. Murphy at Tammany Hall yesterday he had a long conversation with Sheriff-elect Foley. This led to the report that the company which probably take care of Goodwin by appointing him under Sheriff, a \$2,000 a year job. Mayor McCellan yesterday removed Robert McCabe of this borough and John T. O'Brien of Brooklyn from the Board of Examining Plumbers. They were dismissed as a result of an investigation made of complaints.

## AN AMICABLE LABOR FIGHT.

Both Sides Fully Heard With Reference to Typothete Injunction.

President George L. Berry and Secretary Patrick J. McMullen of the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union, who are now in New York in reference to the coming hearing before Judge Thompson of the United States Circuit Court in Cincinnati on the question of the validity of the agreement made between the United Typothete of America and the former national officers of the company, were yesterday the taking of testimony on behalf of the union in the office of Alfred and Charles Steckler, lawyers, 170 Broadway.

Previous to this the union had the headquarters of the Typothete, 32 Union Square East, when testimony was taken on behalf of the Typothete. The same witnesses were given by the union yesterday when testimony for the union was taken. It was agreed that as the final disposition of this case will be of the greatest importance to typographers and unions everywhere no barrier of any kind should be placed in the way of getting the fullest evidence.

President Berry said last evening: "Seven hundred and sixty-five pressmen are on strike throughout the United States for the eight hour workday. Out of 2,500,000 typographers in North America, 150,000 are working on the eight hour basis. We have no strikes in the five cities where the Typothete has its greatest influence. It is a question of the Federal injunction, which may be dissolved at the coming hearing. We believe that Judge Thompson will hold the injunction against the Typothete, and we are on the ground to prove that the union is not in violation of the injunction. We can prove that when former officers entered into this agreement for the union without ratification by the union they went beyond their instructions."

CONFRERS FOR MAY CONVENTION.

Would Like to Have the Republicans Speak First.

Chairman William J. Connors of the New York Democratic State committee said yesterday that he didn't believe the Democratic State convention to select four delegates at large to the Democratic national convention would be held in New York. The Republicans are to meet some time in April, and Mr. Connors said the idea was to have the Republicans speak first. Norman E. Mack, Democratic national committeeman for the State, is an out and out Bryan man and should Bryan be defeated for the nomination Mr. Mack as Democratic national committeeman for the State.

Lieut.-Gov. Chanler is to be chief delegate at large for the State to the national convention. Chairman Connors is setting great store by the gathering of Democrats from all parts of the country at the Waldorf-Astoria on January 7 and 8, when the first day is to be given over to a free for all discussion of available Democratic Presidential candidates and January 9, when the day is to be devoted to feasting, especially in the evening, when the dinner of the New York Democratic State committee to the visiting Democrats is to be held.

Italian Industrial School Exhibition.

The School of Italian Industry will hold an exhibition and sale of Italian embroidery and lace beginning to-day at 523 Fifth avenue. The school was formed two years ago and is at 28 Macdougal street. Its aim is to teach poor girls in the Italian colony fine lace making. The lace to be on sale have been copied from old designs and are the work of these Italian women. There is to be on view a private collection of antique embroideries and lace. The directors include Mrs. Robert Abbe, Mrs. Seth Low, Miss Kirk, Countess Massaglia, Franklin H. Gliddings, George A. Plimpton and W. Kirkpatrick Brice.

## WILL CONSIDER HYDE'S OFFER.

Says Jackson, but the Equitable Directors Must Convince Him.

Attorney-General Jackson said yesterday that if the Equitable Life directors could convince him that there is a possibility of increasing the resources of the society by \$2,000,000 or even by \$1,000,000 in money value through the settlement proposed by James Hazen Hyde and other directors he would be glad to give his serious consideration.

As matters stood now, Mr. Jackson regarded the propositions contained in the report of the directors' committee as altogether too indefinite. He thought that it was doubtful if Mr. Hyde could enter into any agreement by which the society would have absolute assurance that the money held by the Hyde safe deposit companies would be revoked.

Directors of the company who heard of the Attorney-General's statement said that the offer by Mr. Hyde was definite enough to convince every member of the committee that they could be carried through with immense benefit to the society. One of the directors suggested again that if Mr. Jackson would recollect everything that was contained in the report and what had been said to him in conferences in regard to the proposed settlement it would probably be apparent that the Hyde proposals were worthy of serious consideration.

The annual election of directors in the Equitable was held yesterday. Under the society's new charter the policyholders have 28 members of the board and the stockholders 24. Seven policyholders and twelve stockholders' representatives were elected yesterday. They are:

Policyholders' directors—Tom Randolph of St. Louis, James McMan, Brooklyn; Ludwig Brandt, New York; John D. Kernan, Union; E. W. Bloomingdale, New York; William Whitman, Boston, and William E. Paine, New York.

For the stockholders—George T. Wilson, the third vice-president of the society; W. A. Day, the first vice-president; Alvin W. Kreeh, New York; Valentine P. Snyder, New York; Braxton D. H. Morton, New York; for one year, and Col. John J. McCook, T. DeWitt Cuyler, E. Dev. Morrell, J. F. Navarro, Paul Morton and Levi P. Morton for two years.

## LESS WATER IN B. R. T.

Declares Vice-President Williams—Expert Finds the Books in Good Shape.

Vice-President Timothy S. Williams of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, giving further evidence yesterday at the Public Service inquiry, asserted that the present net capitalization of the B. R. T. system was \$81,417,000, but this was a reduction of about \$25,000,000 from the original capitalization and there had been in consequence a reduction of \$800,000 in the annual interest charges.

But despite these reductions the questions by William M. Ivins went to show that there was a large amount of water in the capitalization. "But," said Mr. Williams, "it represents a very much less amount of water than was in the properties before."

President Winter was recalled and said that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company owned about \$200 worth of stock in the Harway Improvement Company. This is the company that is filling in the Harway avenue meadow land with ashes carted away from Brooklyn under a contract the B. R. T. has with it. It has been said by officials of the B. R. T. that the company has lost money on the contract, but it was brought out yesterday that while the Harway property was bought for between \$200 and \$600 an acre, since it had been filled in it was now valued at \$10,000 an acre. Winter admitted that a plot of fifty acres had been sold as high as \$5,000 an acre.

John R. Sparrow, the expert accountant who has been called to examine the books of the B. R. T. system, testified that the manner in which the books were kept was excellent and that they showed properly the operations of the company. After hearing this evidence Mr. Ivins suggested to the commission that it would be waste of time and money to go into the operating accounts of the company and recommended that the investigation of the financial affairs of the B. R. T. should be closed. This suggestion was agreed to and it was decided to begin on Monday an inquiry into the physical conditions of the equipment and roads controlled by the B. R. T.

The Public Service Commission took up yesterday the claims made by the Interborough Company for extra work on the subway. The commission's engineers held that only \$5,934,788 should be allowed, on the ground that the greater part of the claim was given by the company for the head of equipment. The matter may be referred to a court of arbitration.

## A PARISH FOR COLUMBIA.

Archbishop Farley Establishes a Church for the Catholic Students.

Archbishop Farley has introduced a new feature in his diocese in the form of a parish church for the special benefit of Columbia University students. A plot of ground was purchased on 121st street near Broadway and the substantial building which will eventually be used as a parish school has been converted into an attractive church and rectory.

This innovation is an outgrowth of the Newman Club, which was established in Columbia six years ago. The new parish is called Corpus Christi. The rectory, the Rev. J. D. Dooley, whom Archbishop Farley brought from Tivoli to undertake this work, is a Fordham man. Nearly all of the fittings were purchased from abandoned Protestant churches. The pews, communion rail, and choir railing and vestments were obtained from Dr. Madison C. Peters's Baptist Church; the organ came from another Baptist church; the altar and the altar cloth from the Catholic Church of St. John the Evangelist, which was purchased from a Presbyterial church in Washington.

Father Dooley expects to build up an independent parish aside from his university work and anticipates a regular service of Mass at the new church on Sunday. He has also under his care the Catholics of Teachers College and Barnard.

## A CHANCE TO SPEND \$2

And Join a Club of Varied Purposes, Which Serves Refreshments Occasionally.

If you have \$2 right where you can put your hand on it it will save you the expenditure of \$5 later on. The "Gotham Club," which has risen phoenixlike from the ashes of another one, and of which Mr. Alfred Brooks is president, will hold a business meeting the invitations to which are catholic in shape and cordial in tone, on the afternoon of Friday, December 6, at the Waldorf-Astoria. The society will include "Art, Literature, Music, Drama and Dancing."

The membership is limited to 400 and to the first 200 applicants the price of initiation will be \$5, while the cost of the subsequent ones will be \$2.

A footnote of the prospectus contains the information that refreshments will be served occasionally.

## House Robbed While Mrs. Dottenheim Was Away.

Mrs. Simon Dottenheim, wife of a jeweler at 33 Union Square, found when she returned from driving yesterday afternoon that her home at 1818 St. Nicholas avenue had been robbed. The thief had jimmied open a rear window, Silverware and a diamond necklace, worth altogether about \$4,000, were taken.

## ART SALES AND EXHIBITIONS.

At The Terminal Warehouse  
N. W. Cor. 11th Ave. & 27th Street.On View Saturday and Monday,  
Dec. 7th and 9th, from 10 A. M. until 4 P. M.

To be sold at Absolute Public Sale

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An Extraordinary Colossal Specimen.

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want.Business Overcoats in many models, \$16  
to \$75.Long Ulsters with storm collars, \$25 to  
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Fur-lined Overcoats with fur collars.

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Overcoats, including Fur and Fur-lined.

ASTOR PLACE &amp; FOURTH AVE.

THE WATER BOARD MAY RESIGN

UNFAVORABLE REPORT ON ASHOKAN AWARD LOOKED FOR.

Evidence Taken That the Estimates of  
the Board's Engineers Were Approximate  
Known to Material Men—Report  
Will Probably Be in on Monday.

The Commissioners of Accounts will finish to-morrow their inquiry into the reasons which led the members of the Board of Water Supply to reject the Peirce Ashokan dam bid although it was \$2,300,000 less than the next lowest. The Commissioners will try to have their report ready for presentation to Mayor McClellan on Monday. The report will, it is generally believed, be that the board had no justification for the throwing out of the Peirce bid and that the members of the board had displayed incompetency. Under the special act creating the board the members cannot be removed by the Mayor until they have had an opportunity to defend themselves. It is doubtful if the members will take advantage of this clause. The likelihood is that they will resign.

At the resumed hearing more evidence was brought out which went to confirm the suspicions held by the Commissioners of accounts that there had been a "leak" of the estimates prepared by the engineers of the Board of Water Supply of the cost of the dam. J. C. Stewart of a contracting firm which bid unsuccessfully was asked if he had any knowledge of the board's estimates before he put in his bid.

"Only in a general way," he said. "From whom?" Commissioner Mitchell asked.

"From material men, who always have such information."

"What did you hear the estimates were to be?" continued Mr. Mitchell.

"Between \$13,000,000 and \$14,000,000," Mr. Stewart replied. The estimates made by the board's engineers were \$12,841,000.

A telegram sent by Consulting Engineer Stearns to Chief Engineer Smith was produced. At the time the telegram was sent Mr. Stearns was in Denver. While he was on the stand he stated that he was unable to recall what he had stated in the telegram and Mr. Smith also stated that he had forgotten its contents. A copy of the telegram was obtained yesterday by the commission from the telegraph company. It read: "It would not be wise for me to testify because in my experience around Boston there have been many losing contracts which have been promptly and satisfactorily executed." Mr. Stearns was one of the consulting engineers who advised the rejection of the Peirce bid because it was thought to be too low.

## BRYAN PRAISES ROOSEVELT.

Likes the Idea of the Government Financing Presidential Campaigns.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4.—William J. Bryan spent to-day in Pittsburgh. He seemed greatly pleased with that part of President Roosevelt's message which advocates the supplying of money by Congress for Presidential campaigns.

"President Roosevelt's recommendation that Congress appropriate campaign funds for political parties," he said, "is an original proposition for which the President deserves credit. It is not barred from the Democratic platform."

"I believe that the appropriation could be justified on the same ground that we justify the payment of primary election expenses for cities and counties by State governments."

"If it is added a provision prohibiting private contributions the law will go far toward the elimination of corruption in politics."

Asked if he would be a candidate for the Presidential nomination he said: "I am not a volunteer, but I will not desert if I am drafted."

POSTUM.

Coffee is a strong diuretic  
irritant; it interferes with  
digestion, and affects the  
kidneys in a great many  
cases where it is not even  
suspected.

If you value health and  
a sound body, the wise thing  
to do would be to quit coffee  
and give Postum a fair trial  
—say, two weeks. "There's  
a Reason."

Read the famous little  
book, "The Road to Well-  
ville," in 10 days.